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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
DETECTING SARS VIRUS AND OTHER
INFECTIOUS AGENTS

Examiner: Stephanie K. Mummert

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-referenced application. A final Office Action was mailed on March 5, 2009 ("the OA"), for which a response was due on June 5, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 6, 2009 (July 5, 2009 falls on a Sunday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.